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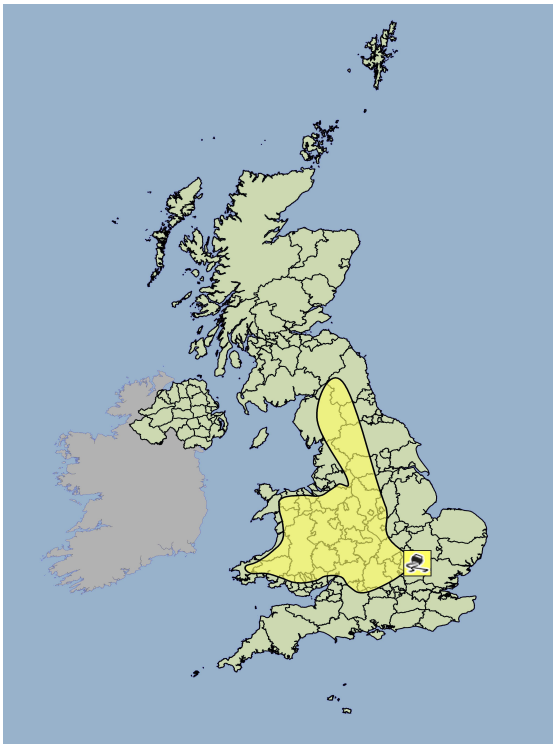

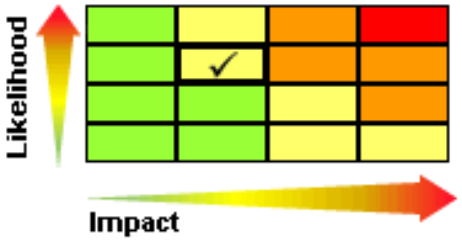

Chief Forecasters Assessment
There is some uncertainty over the timing and intensity of this band of rain, but where any heavy bursts occur, rain may quickly turn to snow. This is most likely across the high ground of Wales, the Midlands and some Pennine areas where over 5cm could settle on roads above about 200 metres. At low levels, locally 1-2cm of wet snow is possible, although most places will not see this. Hail may also affect some areas, leading to slippery surfaces, before clearing skies allow temperatures to fall and increase the risk of ice on Thursday night.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Ice**

Valid from **15:00 on Thu, 19th Dec 2013** until **10:00 on Fri, 20th Dec 2013**

A narrow band of heavy rain is expected to cross parts of England and Wales later on Thursday afternoon and into the evening. This has potential to turn to snow, primarily, but not exclusively, on high ground. With skies then clearing, this leads to a risk of ice on untreated surfaces.

The public should be aware of the potential for some localised disruption to transport.

This warning has been updated to account for an increased risk of ice in parts of northern England - primarily in Pennine areas - on Friday morning.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

Issued by the Met Office at 03:39 on Thu, 19th Dec 2013

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